

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up four National Institutes of Sciences (NISc);
- (b) if so, the details thereof location-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. While the UGC's proposal for setting up of the four National Institutes of Sciences has not been found feasible by the Government in view of the fact that the UGC is not mandated to set up such institutions under the existing provisions of the UGC Act, a group of experts has been invited to firm up the feasibility of setting up Centers of excellence in teaching and research in the basic sciences at different locations.